



Overview

Thank you for your interest in the Sidney A. Ribeau President's Leadership Academy (PLA) at Bowling Green State University (BGSU). The Sidney A. Ribeau President's Leadership Academy is a four-year leadership development program that prepares students to lead with integrity and to make meaningful contributions to society during their years at BGSU and in their professions and communities as alumni.

Acceptance to the Sidney A. Ribeau President's Leadership Academy is a prestigious honor and a competitive process. Students are encouraged to apply regardless of their degree of academic achievement or their intended major. Scholars are selected for the PLA based on an interviews, demonstrated high school leadership, community engagement, response to essay questions, completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, and demonstrated financial need. Acceptance to the PLA is contingent upon the student receiving regular admission status to Bowling Green State University.

Students accepted into the Sidney A. Ribeau President's Leadership Academy receive a four-year scholarship equivalent to the cost of instructional and general fees. The PLA scholarship can only be used for in-state tuition and general fees and cannot be used for room or meal plans and is not refundable. All students admitted into the PLA are required to attend a four-week summer program in July (expenses covered by the PLA) and to participate in all PLA functions throughout their tenure in the PLA.

The PLA Scholarship Application deadline is Monday, December 3, 2018 at 11:59pm for students entering BGSU in fall 2019.

- The application and selection process for the Sidney A. Ribeau President's Leadership Academy (PLA) is detailed and has several steps.
- Only graduating high school seniors are eligible to apply.
- All applicants will receive an update of their status via mail by mid-January, 2019.
- Applicants who receive a phone call will be invited to campus for an on-campus interview with PLA on February 2, 2019. Scholars are expected to commit to four years of attendance at BGSU regardless of previously earned college credit.

Please read carefully our [Admissions Timeline](#) and [Program Requirements](#). Any application received after the deadline will unfortunately not be reviewed. For additional information about the PLA, do not hesitate to visit our website <http://www.bgsu.edu/pla> or contact our office 419-372-9623 or pla@bgsu.edu.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

All applicants, regardless of financial need, must complete a FAFSA form, listing BGSU as one of the schools that should receive the data from the form. Any questions about the FAFSA should be directed to your guidance counselor or to the BGSU Student Financial Aid Office (419-372-2651). All applicants must have a FAFSA on file with the Student Financial Aid Office to remain in consideration by January 15, 2019. However, the PLA asks that applicants complete their FAFSA by the December 4, 2018 application deadline for preferred review.

Application to BGSU

You must be admitted to BGSU prior to applying to the PLA. Please do not send a copy of your BGSU Application to the Sidney A. Ribeau President's Leadership Academy Office.



BGSU is an AA/EEO Institution.

1. Enter your demographic information. All starred areas are required. You may select "no" and enter "N/A" for work hours; please note that employment information is not considered by the PLA Scholarship Committee.

Application Progress

General Application Questions [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

General Application ⓘ

The General Application for the 2017-18 year is now closed. Please check back early in the Fall to apply for the 2018-19 year. You can always search for scholarships by reviewing the list under "Opportunities".

General Application Questions

* **First Name**

* **Last Name**

* **Preferred Phone Number**

Please enter a phone number formatted like 555-555-5555.

* **Employment Information - Answer 1 time.**

* **(1) Are you employed?**

Yes - Full time
 Yes - Part time
 Yes - Seasonal
 No

* **(2) Average number of hours worked per week (include all jobs)? If you did not work, please select "N/A".**

N/A
 0-9
 10-19
 20-29
 30-39
 40+

* **(3) Please list all places of employment. If unemployed, enter N/A.**

Please list your extracurricular activities, community service, and volunteer involvement.

If you are an incoming freshman, please list high school activities.



2. Enter your involvement activities. You may enter N/A for how the activities relate to your education at BGSU. This portion is limited to a maximum of 10 entries but the PLA-specific page has options for up to 20 entries each for both community engagement and leadership engagement. The order of the entries (this page or the PLA-specific pages) does not matter. Both will be considered equally.

If you are an incoming freshman, please list high school activities.

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(1) Name of organization or volunteer activity:

Student Government

(2) Duties or nature of involvement:

Responsible for organizing meeting agendas, planning the annual class service event, advocate for students

(3) If you were involved in a leadership capacity in this organization or activity, please describe.

Vice President

(4) Please include year of involvement, frequency of event, and amount of time spent.

Junior year; met weekly for an hour

(5) Explain how these activities relate to your overall education at BGSU

N/A

(6) Where do you perform these activities:

On Campus
 Off Campus
 High School

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(1) Name of organization or volunteer activity:

Swim Team

(2) Duties or nature of involvement:

Participated in weekly swim meets and 2 hour practices 3 times a week

(3) If you were involved in a leadership capacity in this organization or activity, please describe.

Member

(4) Please include year of involvement, frequency of event, and amount of time spent.

Sophomore-Senior year

(5) Explain how these activities relate to your overall education at BGSU

N/A

(6) Where do you perform these activities:

On Campus

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3. Please enter N/A for the two essay questions below. They will not be considered by the PLA scholarship committee but you may edit them at a later date to apply for other scholarships at BGSU.

***** Describe your goals, aspirations, and career objectives. If you have declared a major, how might that relate to what you have chosen?

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N/A

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***** Please list any academic honors and/or awards earned. If this question does not apply at this time, please enter "N/A".

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N/A

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Study Abroad Experience

(1) Have you applied to or been accepted to attend a Study Abroad program? 1

(2) Where is your Study Abroad?

(3) When is your Study Abroad taking place?

(4) Please describe the impact of your Study Abroad experience on your academic and future career endeavors:

Please explain any additional circumstances the committee should take into co

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- At this point you will save and submit your BGSU application then move forward with completing the PLA-specific portion. Note that you can save the page then return later to finish and submit if needed. We recommend completing the essays in a word document then copying and pasting them into the text boxes.

Sidney A. Ribeau President's Leadership Academy

Description
The Sidney A. Ribeau President's Leadership Academy (PLA) is a four-year leadership development program that engages scholars in classes,...

Deadline
12/04/2017

Category
New

Supporting Documents

- Applicant Record
- Profile

You can save your application at any time by clicking **Save and Keep Editing** at the bottom of the form. Once completed, you can submit your application by clicking **Finish and Submit**. Applying for scholarships is a competitive process. Please be aware that not completing the application fully may disqualify you from scholarship opportunities.

Note: Required fields are marked with an asterisk.

Supplemental Questions

*** What do you know about the President's Leadership Academy (PLA), why are you interested in being a scholar in the PLA, and how will you demonstrate the PLA values while a student at BGSU? (300 to 600 words)**

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*** The PLA is rooted in Robert Greenleaf's philosophy of Servant Leadership. We hope the each PLA scholar has the "heart of a servant leader". If members of the scholarship selection committee were to walk around your high school, how would your peers, teachers, and high school administrator's describe you as a servant leader? What kind of leadership skills have they witnessed? What impact would they describe your servant leadership has had at your high school and in the community? (300 to 600 words)**

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5. Next, list references including all of the information requested. Two references are required and must be current school teachers. Please note that letters of recommendation are not accepted.

* References: Below, please list the contact information for two current school teachers who are able to articulate your leadership ability and potential for success. Unless you are home-schooled, your references must be current school teachers –we prefer teachers who have taught you in more than one course. Do not include principals, advisors, guidance counselors, coaches, family members, friends, or associates on your list of references. No written letters of reference will be accepted. - Answer at least 1 and at most 2 times.

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* 1. Reference (Please list the following in the box below: Name, Title, School Name, and School Telephone Number)

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Add Another Answer



6. Next are entries for community engagement and leadership experiences. Each section has the entry space for the first listing and up to 10 could be listed for each by clicking on "Add Another Answer" in the bottom left corner. If more than 10 entries are needed, you can continue by moving onto the continued section.

First required entry

*** Community Engagement - In the space provided, please list your community engagement activities (i.e., service activities such as tutoring, serving at a soup kitchen, etc.) and the year(s) you were involved. Please use the format listed in the example below. - Answer at least 1 and at most 10 times.**

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*** 1. Year Involved:**

*** 2. Activity (e.g. Big Brothers/Big sisters)**

*** 3. Frequency of Event (e.g. every other week)**

*** 4. Amount of Time for Event (e.g. Four hours, once a week)**

*** 5. Describe Your Role (e.g. Served as a mentor to a 10-year old girl)**

[Add Another Answer](#)

To add additional entries up to 10

If adding more than 10 entries

Community Engagement (continued) - In the space provided, please list your community engagement activities (i.e., service activities such as tutoring, serving at a soup kitchen, etc.) and the year(s) you were involved. Please use the format listed in the example below.

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1. Year Involved:

2. Activity (e.g. Big Brothers/Big sisters)

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7. Enter leadership experiences the same as community involvement. This is the final portion of the application. Once you're finished, click "finished and submit"!

8.

First required entry

* Leadership Experience - In the space provided, please list the activities in which you have been involved as a high school student, both inside and outside of high school. List EACH grade (9-12), denoting any leadership positions held within those activities (president, captain, section leader, chair, manager, editor, director etc.). Please do not list community service activities. - Answer at least 1 and at most 10 times.

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* 1. Year Involved:

* 2. Activity (e.g. worked at farmers market)

* 3. Leadership Position If applicable (e.g. Assistant Manager)

[Add Another Answer](#)

To add additional entries up to 10

If adding more than 10 entries

Leadership Experience (continued) - In the space provided, please list the activities in which you have been involved as a high school student, both inside and outside of high school. List EACH grade (9-12), denoting any leadership positions held within those activities (president, captain, section leader, chair, manager, editor, director etc.). Please do not list community service activities.

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